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- 1. The Kwangsi Military District has ordered the establishment of three "Kwangsi Provincial Coastal Defense Works Commands." The commands will be set up as follows:
 - a. The first command, with headquarters at Ch'inhsien (108-37, 21-58), will be responsible for the 102 kilometers of coast between Ch'inhsien and Hop'u (109-121, 21-40). It will draft 5,000 civilian laborers, and transfer 7,000 men from the labor reform units¹, and 2,000 men from troop units; these 14,000 laborers will be organized into 10 work battalions.
 - b. The second command, with headquarters at Fangch'eng (108-20, 21-46), will be responsible for the 118 kilometers of coast between Tunghsing (107-58, 21-32) and Ch'inhsien. It will draft 3,000 civilian laborers and transfer 4,000 men from the labor reform units and 3,000 men from troop units; these 10,000 laborers will be organized into 10 work battalions.
 - c. The third command, with headquarters at Hop'u, will be responsible for the 156 kilometers of coast between Peihai (109-05, 21-24) and Shank'ou (109-52, 25-11). The number of laborers which this command will draft is, as yet, uncertain.
- 2. The construction of dikes and the dredging of harbors and bays were begun in March 1952, but the work lagged until recently. The first command is now proceeding with dredging and military construction, and expects to complete its assignment before the end of July. The second command will finish by the end of September and the third command expects to complete its work by the end of December.

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3. Responsibility for the construction of military defense works rests with the district's Construction Engineer Unit; directions concerning harbor works will be given by a group of about 20 technicians, now at Chlinhsien, who were dispatched for that purpose by the Central and South China Military Area Naval Command.

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